

CALENDAR

TODAY

Study Abroad

Attend a free general informational meeting tonight from 4-5p.m in MEZ 1.118 about opportunities to study abroad in Guatemala, Brazil, Argentina and Spain.

Texas Politics
Speaker Series

Attend a free Texas Politics Series event from 3:30-4:30 in GEB 3.312 and listen to Sen. Kel Seliger discuss with Dr. James Henson his career in politics, the challenges of redistricting and governmental response to the increase of climate-related challenges of West Texas such as wildfires. There will be an audience Q-and-A following the discussion.

Longhorn
Lockpicking

The Longhorn Lockpicking Club will meet from 7-8 p.m. in Benedict Hall (BEN) 1.126 to teach how to open locks that are seen in every day life. Event could change the way you think about physical security in safe and responsible environments.

Maymester

To learn about study abroad options this spring, attend the Maymester kick-off in the Recreational Sports (RSC) Games Room 2.104 from 4-6 p.m.

Today in history

In 1947

Despite strong Arab opposition the United Nations voted to partition Palestine and create a separate Jewish state. The Jews and Arabs have been fighting over the territory since 1910s and after the partition although they only make up less than half the population the Jews would be in control of approximately half the territory.



Quote to note

Artists that are blind, have mental illnesses, are hearing impaired and are even autistic, no matter the disability, they're all talented artists.

— April Sullivan
Artworks director for VSA Texas

UT partners with MyEdu despite family ties

By Liz Farmer
Daily Texan Staff

UT System officials were aware of a familial connection between a MyEdu Corp. executive and a former chancellor, according to emails obtained by The Daily Texan through the Texas Public Information Act. The system invested \$10 million in the website MyEdu to increase

graduation rates by helping students better understand how to navigate through their degree plans with on-line advising. The UT System publicly mentioned interest in MyEdu at the Aug. 25 Board of Regents meeting and formally announced the partnership on Oct. 18.

Randa Safady, UT System vice chancellor for external relations, sent an email to system officials, includ-

ing Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, about a personal connection between MyEdu and the UT System on July 5. William Cunningham is a former system chancellor, former UT-Austin president and current faculty member at the McCombs School of Business. Cunningham has had a financial stake in MyEdu, which was co-founded by his son, John Cunningham.

“John Cunningham is Bill Cun-

ningham’s son,” Safady said in the email. “He started this business some time ago, and it has really taken off. I believe Bill has supported it, too.”

Cigarroa, in a response to Safady’s email, did not directly acknowledge the connection but said he and two other UT regents were interested in the company.

UT System spokesman Anthony de Bruyn said in an email to The

Daily Texan that the chancellor was aware of the familial connection but not of the financial stake the elder Cunningham has in the company. De Bruyn also said that even if knowledge of the financial stake had been known, the system was under no legal obligation to disclose it, as Texas Government Code only

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IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN



Eric Buehlman, an employee of Shoal Creek Saloon on Lamar Boulevard, sets up an artificial Christmas tree on the establishment’s roof Monday afternoon.

UT alumnus remembered for Pulitzer Prize award

By Jillian Bliss
Daily Texan Staff

UT alumnus and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Oscar Griffin Jr. died from pancreatic cancer earlier this month in New Waverly, Texas. Griffin was 78 years old.

Griffin won the 1963 Pulitzer Prize for the investigation of a scandal involving Billie Sol Estes, a former financier who borrowed money supposedly to build fertilizer tanks but never constructed them. Griffin learned of the situation from an overheard conversation and investigated the scandal by personally searching for the tanks. He learned Estes had the tank numbers moved around in order to fool investors and keep his secret safe.

Griffin worked for the Pecos Independent Enterprise, now the Pecos Enterprise, while investigating the scandal.

“Only two people on the Pecos

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Child caretaker arrested for stealing church funds, could face 10 years in jail

By Nick Hadjigeorge
Daily Texan Staff

The former child care director of University United Methodist Church in West Campus has been charged with third-degree felony theft for inappropriately using the church’s funds for personal purchases.

On April 22, Audrea Curtis withdrew \$21,876 from the church’s account to pay for the \$14,736 bill she accumulated on the church’s credit card, according to the affidavit for her arrest. Curtis used church funds to pay for personal items such as clothes, auto repairs and Austin Community College expenses, according to the affidavit. Official charges were filed last week.

Curtis’ third-degree felony theft charge may carry up to a two- to 10-year prison sentence and can include a \$10,000 fine.

Bill Bingham, UUMC member and church attorney, said Curtis had been working for the child care center for almost four years and her behavior was unexpected.

“The committee that hired her thought she would be great for the job,” Bingham said. “When we discovered her expenses, we were just shocked.”

Bingham said the child care center is a program subsidized by the church to provide care for the children of UT students. He also said the position of child care director has

been replaced and the center is operating as usual again.

Marc Erck, director of operations for UUMC, said the church has been cooperating with the police to provide all available records regarding the theft and will work to prevent any further misuse of funding.

“We appreciate the efforts of the local authorities to move forward with their own investigation,” Erck said. “We will continue to work closely with authorities so that similar situations do not occur in other churches or nonprofit organizations.”

UT students said the theft from the church was a startling act which has increased their skepticism about trusting others.

Business freshman Alyssa Hamilton said she is skeptical about trusting any organization because of the frequent cases of employee theft.

“It’s terrible, but I am not surprised at all,” Hamilton said. “A church is just as likely to see this kind of theft as regular businesses are.”

Freshman Mackenzie Drake said she was surprised that an employee of a church adjacent to the University could steal a large amount of money before being caught.

“This theft is really taking advantage of a good cause,” Drake said. “If you can’t trust what happens at a church, then it makes you realize it could happen anywhere.”

Cactus Cafe temporarily closes to address needed renovations

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Local Austin musician Matt the Electrician will perform at Cactus Cafe’s last concert on Dec. 10 before the venue closes briefly for construction over the winter break.

The cafe is set to close on Dec. 15 and will reopen on Jan. 17. KUT Radio and Cactus Cafe spokeswoman Amy Chambliss said the first show after reopening will take place on Jan. 27.

Located off of Guadalupe Street in the Texas Union Building, Cac-

tus Cafe serves as a popular bar and a much-loved music venue, according to the University Union’s website. Since its opening in 1979, the Cactus has provided live acoustic performances and has made a name for itself as a savvy space that promotes new artists and brings back respected ones. Cactus performers have included the Dixie Chicks, Ani DiFranco, Alison Krauss, Jimmie Dale Gilmore and Patty Griffin.

The construction is part of a larger project taking place in the Union that includes putting in sprinklers

and installing new wood floors in the ballrooms, said Lisa Johnson, a spokeswoman for the Hospitality Center. She said the changes taking place shouldn’t deter students from using the Union as they normally would.

Johnson said the Eastwoods Room is the only room that will remain open during renovations. “That room will still have coffee and donuts for students and be available for study use.”

Johnson said while the cafe and

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Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Students work in front of the Cactus Cafe inside the Texas Union, Monday afternoon. The cafe will be closed from Dec. 15 to Jan. 27 to install fire sprinklers.

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places procedural restrictions if a contract is within four years of the person being the executive head of the state agency. Bill Cunningham was chancellor until 2000.

Cigarroa presented the MyEdu partnership as a way to improve four-year graduation rates, which would allow for students to get through UT institutions more quickly and allow for a greater number of students to attend the institutions.

MyEdu officials plan to initially launch the new platform at UT-Austin, UT-Arlington and UT-Permian Basin before the next registration period in the spring.

MyEdu co-founder and CEO Michael Crosno sent an email to Cigarroa on Aug. 27 about his vision for MyEdu's financial impact for students.

"Soon the UT System will set the bar for providing tools to families for lowering the cost of their education, and it won't be through reducing tuition — there are better ways," Crosno wrote.

Cigarroa expressed enthusiasm to sign the MyEdu agreement, which Gene Powell, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, echoed in an email on Sept. 12.

"I am good to go with the chancellor signing these documents," Powell said. "Congratulations! Great work in record time."

UT-Austin faculty have raised concerns about inaccurate information on the current MyEdu site, including classes listed under their names for courses never taught.

Frank Lyman, MyEdu senior vice president of marketing and business development, said data on MyEdu about students, faculty and classes comes from public information requests. Lyman said the new platform should be more reliable because data will come directly from the UT System. He said this benefits students and faculty because MyEdu can now go directly to the UT System to correct inaccuracies.

"When we don't have accurate data, we're not credible," Lyman said.

MyEdu currently contains a comments and ratings section that allows users to evaluate individual faculty members and see class grade distributions. Some faculty worry that the feedback is unreliable and could be used in making University personnel decisions, including those made when awarding tenure. President William Powers Jr. said a few weeks

ago that the information available on MyEdu will not be used to judge professors because the University has its own course evaluations.

Lyman said MyEdu will talk about the comments and ratings section with key University contacts, but it is difficult to say what decision will be made about the role of the section in the new platform. He said the information can help students choose which professor to take, but plans depend upon the answer to the question "is there a way to do this that faculty members support?"

Lyman said MyEdu wants to better understand faculty concerns and suggestions for tools so the company will talk to key contacts from the pilot institutions within the next month.

"We realize we need to deepen our relationship with faculty and advisers," Lyman said. "We all have a common goal — get the students through the class and graduate."

Lyman said the information sharing with the UT System will allow for new tools to be made. He said the most requested tool from students is to be able

to see class availability as they register. UT student regent John Davis Rutkauskas attended the July 13 meeting between some of the UT System regents and MyEdu via teleconference. Rutkauskas addressed the UT Senate of College Councils meeting a few weeks ago and said overall, there is a lot of uncertainty about the MyEdu partnership. Rutkauskas said most of the discussions with MyEdu are in regards to big-picture ideas and he agreed with Senate members that the UT System should not move forward until some of the major questions are answered.

"It's easy to understand why a faculty member might be concerned about MyEdu," Rutkauskas said.

However, Rutkauskas said, some faculty members "misunderstand the technology" because they cannot see all of the advising tools available to students if they do not create a MyEdu login. Rutkauskas championed the deal and said it was made for the benefit of the students to help them get through the University as quickly as they want.

The student regent said he wants to help further discussions when it's pertinent to people in the UT System administration. Rutkauskas criticized negative feedback about the partnership and said he originally expected faculty and students at UT Austin to applaud the deal.

"If I'm totally off base with that, then let me know," Rutkauskas said.

“It’s easy to understand why a faculty member might be concerned about MyEdu.”

— John Davis Rutkauskas, Student regent

Austin icon Stevie Ray Vaughan noted as 12th best guitarist by Rolling Stone

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Smiles came easily whenever the late Austin musician Stevie Ray Vaughan was around because of his positive spirit and the revolutionary sound of his music, said music photographer and friend Susan Antone.

"When Stevie came in the room, he just made you smile — he was really a neat, fun, creative person," Antone said. "I don't know anybody who didn't like Stevie."

Vaughan, an Austin blues-rock legend, was named 12th best guitarist in Rolling Stone magazine's "100 Greatest Guitarists" ranking.

Antone's brother Clifford Antone, a close friend of Vaughan's, opened the music bar and restaurant Antone's on Fifth Street in 1975 as a place for up-and-coming musicians to play. The restaurant, now known as one of the prime live music venues in Austin, helped launch Vaughan's remarkable career.

Dallas-bred Vaughan dropped out of high school at age 17 to move to Austin and pursue a career in music. He formed the

blues band Blackbird before joining The Cobras in 1975, a band that would become Austin's Band of the Year in 1976.

Vaughan then became the lead singer of the band Double Trouble and circled through music clubs around Austin and Texas. Musician and record producer David Bowie saw one performance and asked Vaughan to play on his next album "Let's Dance."

Double Trouble released several of its own albums, the fourth of which went gold and nabbed a Grammy Award in 1989 for Best Contemporary Blues Recording.

After a Double Trouble concert in Wisconsin featuring other guitarists including Vaughan's brother Jimmie, Vaughan boarded a Chicago-bound helicopter. It crashed minutes after takeoff, tragically killing 35-year-old Vaughan and its four other passengers on Aug. 6, 1990.

His legend was never forgotten, and Austin Music Commission vice chair Joah Spearman said Vaughan continues to influence the music scene in Austin.

"You can look at how much downtown Austin has changed

since he died, but artists are still influenced by him," Spearman said. "It speaks to the timeless nature of Stevie Ray. I think we can think of him as someone to credit for making Austin the Live Music Capitol."

In 1994, a statue was placed at Auditorium Shores in honor of Vaughan to remind Austin of a musician who helped shape its reputation as a music-centered city, said Megan Crigger, a spokeswoman for City of Austin Cultural Arts Division.

"It's been a huge success," Crigger said. "Not only because we see people leaving gifts at the foot of the sculpture, but because it reinforces Austin's reputation as the live music capital — it's been really beneficial to Austin in that way and the reputation of having great music and supporting musicians and artists."

Susan Antone said she remembered "Stevie Ray" as both a kind-hearted friend as well as an extraordinary musical talent.

"He was and is one of the greats, and he is not to be repeated," she said. "He is an ambassador for Austin — every place he went, he carried the banner for Austin and for music."



Jorge Corona | Daily Texan Staff

The Stevie Ray Vaughan statue stands next to Town Lake on Monday afternoon. Vaughan was recently named one of the top 100 guitarists by Rolling Stone and he was part of the musical momentum that led Austin to be named the Live Music Capital of the World.

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Independent Enterprise staff knew about the articles before they were written," Griffin said in his Pulitzer acceptance speech. "Marj Carpenter, the news editor, was not sure what they would contain until printed, but shouldered more than her share of the load on the paper while the articles were being compiled."

Jon Fulbright, current managing editor of the Pecos Enterprise, said Griffin's work helped distinguish his newspaper from another Pecos publication. Fulbright said following Griffin's receipt of the Pulitzer, the competing newspaper was purchased by the owners of the Enterprise.

"Pecos has always been a place where battles are fought in the open," Fulbright said. "[Media] was pretty competitive back then."

Meg Griffin, daughter of the Pulitzer Prize winner, said her father's

life was full of many other accomplishments in addition to the honor of the award. Griffin earned an MBA from Harvard, served as a White House correspondent and was personal friends with former President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

Meg Griffin said her father often told stories of visiting the LBJ ranch. "Once my dad brought his dad to meet the president," she said. "To him, LBJ was no big deal."

She said her grandfather, LBJ and Griffin were enjoying a few beers when the president jokingly told Griffin he was not allowed to drink another.

"My dad took one anyway," Meg Griffin said. "My grandfather got scared because he had disobeyed the president, but my dad said, 'Oh, that's just Lyndon.'"

Meg Griffin said the family will miss her father's sense of humor, in addition to his sense of social justice and internal urge to make things right. She said he was also known for his love of Longhorn football, but died too soon to see the team beat the Aggies one last time.

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parts of the Union will close temporarily, the construction shouldn't weigh in too heavily on students' study and eating habits.

"The only major thing is there won't be student organization meetings here, but thanks to the [Student Activity Center], there will be plenty of places for them to meet," Johnson said. "There will still be places to eat and there will still be places to study."

Despite the construction around the Union and the brief closing of the Cactus Cafe, Pam Martinez of the Executive Director's Office said she encourages students to visit the venue after it reopens.

"It's a very eclectic setting. It's very intimate when the musicians are performing," Martinez said. "I would absolutely recommend it to UT students."

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Occupy Los Angeles celebrates after impending police eviction

LOS ANGELES — Wall Street protesters declared a minor victory Monday when they defied a mid-night deadline to leave their tent city encampment around City Hall and police withdrew after surrounding the camp for six hours without moving in.

Four people were arrested as police cleared downtown streets to make way for morning rush hour traffic, but police said the event was largely peaceful.

Police Chief Charlie Beck said it remains unclear when the nearly two-month-old Occupy LA camp would be cleared. About half of the 485 tents had been taken down as of Sunday night, leaving patches of the 1.7-acre park around City Hall barren of grass and strewn with garbage.

Protesters chanted “we won, we won” as riot-clad officers left the scene.

Native American leaders simplify rules on project development

WASHINGTON — Ahead of a meeting Friday between President Barack Obama and hundreds of Native American leaders, the administration unveiled new rules for tribal lands that officials say will expedite home building and energy development.

The proposed changes — the first of its kind in 50 years — would open the door to badly-needed housing development on reservations, and for wind and solar energy projects that tribes have been eager to launch.

Land on American Indian reservations cannot be bought and sold because it is held in trust by the federal government on behalf of the tribes. If a tribe or tribe member wants to build a house on it or use it for multifamily housing, a business or industry, the Interior Department must approve a “lease” of the land or mortgages.

The proposed changes would set time limits for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve such leases. If the bureau does not meet the deadlines, leases would automatically be approved. Currently, there are no time limits.

UN investigation finds torture, 256 deaths in Syrian crackdown

BEIRUT — A U.N. investigation concluded Monday that Syrian forces committed crimes against humanity by killing and torturing hundreds of children, including a 2-year-old girl reportedly shot to death so she wouldn’t grow up to be a demonstrator.

The inquiry added to mounting international pressure on President Bashar Assad, a day after the Arab League approved sweeping sanctions to push his embattled regime to end the violence.

“Torture was applied equally to adults and children,” said the assessment, released in Geneva. “Numerous testimonies indicated that boys were subjected to sexual torture in places of detention in front of adult men.”

The panel said government forces were given “shoot to kill” orders to crush demonstrations. Some troops “shot indiscriminately at unarmed protesters,” while snipers targeted others in the upper body or head, it said.

Rising price of peanut butter worries nation’s food banks

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Food banks and pantries around the country say high peanut butter prices have made it harder for them to provide one of their most-requested items — and a favorite among children — this holiday season.

Peanut butter prices have gone up 30 percent or more because hot weather in states like Texas and Georgia hurt this year’s peanut crop and because some farmers switched to more profitable crops, such as corn and cotton.

The increase in peanut butter prices and the cost of food overall has been a blow to family budgets, and hunger-relief groups that say they’re serving more clients even as the poor economy has made it harder to get donations.

“That’s probably the item we buy most frequently ... because we don’t have enough of it donated,” said Terry Shannon, president of the Phoenix-based St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance, one of the country’s largest food banks. “I would anticipate if the prices continue to go up, we’re going to have to take a hard look at it.”

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Votes cast for Egypt



Khalil Hamra | Associated Press

Voters line up outside a polling center in Assuit, Egypt. Voting began on Monday in Egypt’s first parliamentary elections since longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak was ousted.

Military oversight continues to cast shadow on parliamentary elections

By Ben Hubbard & Sarah El Deeb
The Associated Press

CAIRO — Shaking off years of political apathy, Egyptians turned out in long lines at voting stations Monday in their nation’s first parliamentary elections since Hosni Mubarak’s ouster, a giant step toward what they hope will be a democracy after decades of dictatorship.

Some voters brought their children along, saying they wanted them to learn how to exercise their rights in a democracy as they cast ballots in what promises to be the fairest and cleanest election in Egypt in living memory.

After the dramatic 18-day uprising that toppled Mubarak on Feb. 11 after almost three decades of his au-

thoritarian regime, many had looked forward to this day in expectation of a celebration of freedom. Now that it arrived after nearly 10 months of military rule, divisions and violence, the mood was markedly different: People were eager to at last cast a free vote, but daunted by how much is unknown and unclear about what happens next in their country, whatever the outcome.

On one level, the election will be a strong indicator of whether the nation is heading toward Islamism or secularism. The Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt’s largest and best organized group, along with other Islamists are expected to dominate in the vote. Many liberals, leftists, Christians and pious Muslims who oppose mixing religion and politics went express-

ly to the polls to try to stop them or at least reduce their victory.

Also weighing heavily on voters’ mind was whether this election will really set Egypt on a path of democracy under the rule of the military, which took power after Mubarak. Only 10 days before the elections, major protests erupted demanding the generals step aside because of fears they will not allow real freedoms. The ruling military council of generals, led by Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, insists it will maintain considerable powers after the election. It will put together the government and is trying to keep extensive control over the creation of an assembly to write a new constitution, a task that originally was seen as mainly in the parliament’s hands.

Europe races for solution to save common currency

By Greg Keller, Pan Pylas & Paul Wiseman
The Associated Press

PARIS — European leaders rushed Monday to stop a ram-paging debt crisis that threatened to shatter their 12-year-old experiment in a common euro currency and devastate the world economy as a result.

One proposal gaining prominence would have countries cede some control over their budgets to a central European authority. In a measure of how rapidly the peril has grown, that idea would have been unthinkable even three months ago.

More relevant to the crisis, borrowing costs for European nations stabilized. They had risen alarmingly in recent weeks — in Greece, then in Italy and Spain, then across the continent.

Allowing a central European authority

to have some control over the budgets of sovereign nations would create a fiscal union in Europe in addition to the monetary union of the 17 countries that share the euro currency.

Some analysts have said would be a leap toward creating a United States of Europe. More delicately, it would force the nations of Europe to swallow their national pride, cede some sovereignty and agree to strengthen ties with their neighbors rather than fleeing the euro union during the crisis.

“The common currency has the problem that the monetary policy is joint, but the fiscal policy is not,” Germany’s finance minister, Wolfgang Schauble, said in a meeting with foreign reporters in Berlin.

The monetary union has existed since the euro was created in 1999, but the European Union, which

includes the 17 euro nations and 10 others that use their own currencies, has no central authority over taxing and spending.

A fiscal union could prevent excessive spending in the future. More important, it would be a step toward addressing today’s debt crisis: It could provide cover for the European Central Bank to stage a massive intervention in the European bond market to drive down borrowing costs and keep the debt crisis under control.

Enforced budget discipline might ease the ECB’s concerns about the concept known as moral hazard — essentially, that bailing out free-spending countries would only encourage them to do it again.

A fiscal union would also pose a practical problem — how to make such a body democratically accountable.

Another option is for the 17 nations in the euro group to sell bonds together, known as eurobonds, to help the countries in the deepest trouble because of debt. Germany has resisted such a plan, because it would raise borrowing costs for it and other nations that good credit ratings.

While Europe buzzed over the possible solutions, European finance ministers prepared for a summit beginning Tuesday evening in Brussels, and Italy readied an auction of bonds designed to raise euro8 billion, or about \$10.6 billion — and steeled itself for the high interest rates it will have to pay.

Already, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an international group devoted to economic progress, was warning that the global economy was in for a rocky road in coming months.

A fiscal union could prevent excessive spending in the future. More importantly, it would be a step toward addressing today’s debt crisis.

Kuwaiti lawmakers quit in opposition to rife corruption

By Brian Murphy
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Kuwait faced a fresh bout of political uncertainty on Monday after opposition lawmakers said the government has submitted its resignation to the Gulf nation’s ruler amid a growing crisis over corruption accusations.

However, there was no official word on such a move, which could lead to parliament being dissolved and new elections — if it’s accepted by Kuwait’s emir.

One opposition lawmaker, Khaled al-Sultan, told reporters that the Cabinet tendered the resignations just hours before a major protest rally was set to begin.

The oil-rich nation has been locked in an increasingly bitter dispute between the government and opposition groups demand-

ing the prime minister’s resignation. Protesters stormed parliament earlier in November to decry claims that officials transferred state funds to bank accounts abroad.

The unrest comes against the backdrop of widespread and sometimes violent protests that have roiled the Arab world.

Yet there is little sign the tumult could seriously challenge Kuwait’s political system — a constitutional monarchy whose parliament has the most powers of any elected body in the Gulf.

Kuwait’s political uncertainty is nonetheless a cause for concern among its Western allies. The OPEC member nation could host thousands more American forces under a Pentagon-drafted plan to boost troop strength in the Gulf after the U.S. withdraws from Iraq.



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Kuwaiti citizens demonstrate at Freedom Square in Kuwait City on Monday.

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OVERVIEW

From the top

President William Powers Jr. spent a good portion of Monday's Faculty Council meeting explaining the University's recent decision to move certain funding decisions from the Graduate School to individual colleges and departments.

Previously, graduate students applying for fellowships would do so through the Graduate School. The Graduate School was also in charge of administering Faculty Research Awards, which give tenured professors funding for a semester to conduct research only, and Summer Research Awards, which give tenure-track professors funding for the summer.

The new structure transfers the decision-making power to colleges and departments. Powers said the change was in order to make the University more competitive in faculty and graduate student recruitment. He said UT lags behind its peer institutions in financial support packages it offers and that those resources will be better targeted by the colleges and departments at the ground level.

The change can yield several benefits. For one, guaranteed fellowships and research awards can be incorporated into the recruitment pitch the University makes to potential faculty and graduate students. And restructuring the process at a departmental level allows the funding to be catered in a way that best captures the nuances of the different colleges.

But this move signals the continuing shift of power to the deans, and while the change may be framed in the context of reduced budgets and resources, the decision is in line with the war against centralization that Powers — a former School of Law dean — advocates.

As the University moves toward more decentralized decision-making under Powers, students, faculty and staff need to make sure they exercise every opportunity to provide input on major issues to ensure that power isn't simply shifted from the top of the University to the top of the college.

CapMetro's policy a breath of fresh air



By Larisa Manescu
Daily Texan Columnist

By the end of February, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority will post signs banning smoking within 15 feet of all 2,700 bus stops in Austin. However, "ban" might be too extreme of a verb. Because the signs have no legal force, they merely ask for smokers to be reasonably conscious of others as they wait for the bus. Despite this lack of force, the move represents one of the recent steps the city is taking against smoking outdoors.

On our own University's campus, there has been recent movement by the Texas Public Health student organization towards tightening the smoking policy to an absolute ban, following Texas State University declaring itself a completely tobacco-free campus, in which any tobacco use indoors or outdoors is prohibited.

Tobacco use in public indoor environments is now commonly seen as a health threat and generally banned by state governments, but official action regarding outdoor tobacco use is ridden with dispute, bringing into question the power authority figures have over personal liberties.

Austin already has comprehensive smoke-free laws in indoor environments, with exceptions such as bingo halls and restaurants that have effective filtration systems. But the smoking issue becomes increasingly controversial outdoors, where smokers claim secondhand smoke exposure has little effect and that nonsmokers can easily avoid it in the open atmosphere. The debate is divided between the two starkly competing interests: Smokers argue that they have the right to their personal freedom and that no law should infringe on it, while nonsmokers reason that secondhand smoke is a negative externality, as it inevitably affects vulnerable bystanders. Smokers fear that imposing outdoor smoking bans will open the door for the "nanny" government to infringe on other rights, while nonsmokers believe it is the government's duty to enforce public health policy that protect all residents.

The main factor in implementing outdoor smoking policy should be the proximity of the smoker. Outdoor secondhand smoke exists, but it doesn't travel. The studies that have focused on the effect of outdoor smoking have pointed out that while cigarette smoke lingers indoors, it quickly dissipates outdoors as soon as the cigarette is put out.

In the first comprehensive study examining the effects of secondhand smoke outdoors, conducted in 2007, Stanford researcher Neil Klepeis concluded, "Our data also show that if you move about six feet away from an outdoor smoker, your exposure levels are much lower." The general conclusion of the study was that secondhand smoke in stationary outdoor environments, such as benches and restaurant patios, was equally a threat as secondhand smoke exposure indoors.

According to this revealing data, CapMetro is introducing a rational policy by asking smokers to step away from the waiting area of a bus stop to light up. However, the idealistic ambition of the Texas Public Health student organization to impose a ban on all tobacco use seems unnecessary, considering the existing standard regulations the University has in place: Smoking is banned in and within 20 feet of all buildings, and designated smoking areas are widely available near all residence halls, the stadium and other buildings. These are practical measures that respect both the rights of the smoker while protecting the well being of the nonsmoker. While the organization holds the admirable determination to reduce tobacco use in general, as it is indisputably a detrimental habit, banning it altogether would not have this effect. Banning tobacco use would not motivate current smokers to quit nor would it prevent students from experimenting with tobacco, since this experimentation typically takes place off campus in private residences, not on the streets.

Public health junior Thomas Haviland told The Daily Texan, "I don't feel it's too much to ask that smokers make the effort to ensure they're not exposing others in their environment to secondhand smoke." This implication that there is no effort for consciousness and respect in terms of outdoor public smoking is a faulty one. Placing a ban on all tobacco use on campus with the notion that secondhand smoke is a threatening epidemic ignores the fact that the existing policy already widely safeguards the nonsmoking population by restricting stationary areas from smokers and offering designated areas that nonsmokers can avoid. Future policy regarding outdoor smoking must be enacted realistically to simultaneously address the interests and concerns of both smokers and nonsmokers.

Manescu is a journalism and international relations and global studies freshman.

THE FIRING LINE

Occupy UT exists

Contrary to a premise of the column that ran Monday titled "From Wall Street to the Main Mall," Occupy UT-Austin does exist and is currently holding General Assembly meetings and participating in various events. I draw attention to this fact not to criticize an oversight on anyone's part but simply to let members of the University community know that such a group exists and is quickly growing. Occupy UT's first event was a march to the Texas Capitol, where we joined activists from Occupy Austin in voicing our concern over the defunding of public education. On Wednesday, we will raise our voices against the tuition increases proposed by the University's Tuition Policy Advisory Committee. In addition, we are currently planning events for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, when we will occupy the University Tower. Those interested in participating in these and other Occupy UT events can visit us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates. We hope that many will stand with us in solidarity as we move forward.

*Trevor Hoag
English graduate student*



Stephanie Eisner | Daily Texan Staff

A gamble not worth making



By Samantha Katsounas
Daily Texan Columnist

In Tuesday's presidential debate, GOP candidate Newt Gingrich made a potential misstep when he called for "humane" immigration reform. The stance, which some claim is a form of amnesty, is attracting significant ire from the Republican rank-and-file. Gingrich's proposal masquerades as a moderate position but in reality is a misguided attempt at reform that would undermine the economic potential of America's undocumented immigrant population.

At the debate, Gingrich said he was "prepared to take the heat for saying 'let's be humane' in enforcing the law." The key concern seems to be for the plight of families in the immigration debate. Gingrich stated that he wishes to create a system of legality for those undocumented immigrants who have been in the country for more than 25 years and are established in the community. When Gingrich, the perpetual strategist, declared, "I don't see how the [Republican] party that says it's the party of the family [advocates for an immigration policy that destroys families]," he received a stoic reaction from the audience.

The controversial statement is being compared to Texas Gov. Rick Perry's famous assertion that if people didn't support in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants to attend college, they "[didn't] have a heart." Perry's refusal to abandon this position coupled with his "oops" moment a few weeks ago are cited as the key reasons for his precipitous fall from grace. Perry, once the front-runner, is now polling in the single digits.

Gingrich's opponents have derided his call for compassion, so similar to Perry's, by latching onto the polarizing rhetoric that often accompanies immigration. Representative Michele Bachmann said that Gingrich's plan "equates to amnesty," and Gov. Mitt Romney similarly labeled it "a new doorway to amnesty." Though certainly different from the norm, Gingrich's plan is hardly the sweeping measure of fundamental reform that it purports to be.

The Gingrich path to immigration reform has been rightfully criticized for advocating a "red card solution." This position, so-named by the conservative Kriebel Foundation, allows some immigrants to enter the country temporarily to work without the rights or privileges of citizens. The red card solution creates a dangerous "limbo" status for undocumented foreigners. Mary Giovagnoli, director of the Immigration Policy Center, affirmed that "it virtually guarantees that we create second-class status for workers and their families — lawful but with no real rights," according to The Washington Post.

Perhaps most disturbing is the flippant manner in which Gingrich proposes "earned" citizenship for young immigrants. Outside of military service, there is no way listed for undocumented teenagers — many of whom had no choice in illegally entering America in the first place — to obtain citizenship. College education, apparently, is not a significant enough way to contribute to society.

Gingrich is not alone in his myopic view of the role young immigrants play in the social and economic construct of the American system. The Republican Party seems set on a disturbingly hypocritical immigration stance

as it relates to students. Many GOP candidates simultaneously avow increased visa access for high-skilled immigrants from overseas but refuse to educate the immigrants within America's own borders.

This convoluted sense of justice ensures that immigrants will never be able to become high-skilled taxpayers by locking them in perpetual illegality. The distinction is infuriating for young immigrants who are immutably left with the choices their parents made. The military is an admirable choice, but it is not the path for everyone. Try as they might, these motivated teenagers are being prevented by political posturing from bettering themselves through education.

Perry may have been blasted for granting in-state tuition to immigrants, but his economic foresight is sound. An educated workforce composed of immigrants has historically proven itself as the best investment America can make. Immigrants comprise a growing force that represents everything positive about the American dream.

Somewhere along the way, Gingrich and his Republican peers have lost the true meaning of that dream and of American exceptionalism. Though the image of America as a "melting pot" may be trite, it is accurate. Politicians do a great disservice to the American people by marginalizing immigrants in these troubled economic times. If we continue to denigrate our youngest generation of immigrants as a worthless drain on society, we risk losing their economic potential — and that's not a gamble worth making.

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UT President William Powers Jr. answers a question about graduate programs funding from music professor Martha Hilley on Monday in the Main Building. The Faculty Council discussed solutions to increase graduate students’ enrollment and the distribution of the University budget between departments.

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Faculty Council discusses graduate funding

By Allie Kolečta
Daily Texan Staff

Improving the allocations of money in the graduate school will continue to be a top priority in 2012, UT President William Powers Jr. said at a meeting Monday.

The Faculty Council held its last full meeting of the semester Monday afternoon. While UT recruits some of the top candidates and top faculty for its graduate school, often those recruits receive more comprehensive offers from other graduate programs, Powers said during a Q-and-A session with faculty members. Recruiting these students will require a quick and strategic approach, and the

administration must target resources where they will do the most good, he said.

“You don’t want them wearing their Michigan T-shirt over Christmas,” he said. “You want to recruit them as quickly as possible.”

Finding better ways to divide up money between departments, colleges and programs will be a way to improve the graduate program and the recruitment process, Powers said. One way to do this could be to look at funds as though they were more like government grants, such as from the National Science Foundation, he said.

“We are woefully behind our peers’ and competitors’ faculty salaries and also in graduate student

support,” he said.

Many faculties, colleges and departments were not involved in discussing the distribution of money, said Alba Ortiz, director of the Office of Bilingual Education. More faculty involvement would better illustrate the benefits of any changes made, she said.

“I think that many of us feel that there is a disconnect between their goals in relationship to decentralization and how that gets implemented at the level of colleges and departments,” Ortiz said.

Funding puts faculty in a difficult position in respect to research leave and Faculty Research Assignments, the closest thing UT has to a sabbatical, said Pauline Strong, director of the Humanities Institute in

the Department of Anthropology.

“It seems that the University has a standardized process for judging faculty’s productivity,” she said. “Productivity has become more and more of a value, but the University is moving toward a system in which strategic priorities may adversely affect certain faculty members.”

Although the budget council has yet to discuss graduate school funding this year, including faculty members in the discussion will be beneficial, said student body President Natalie Butler, who attended the meeting.

“It was a good step forward to include a faculty member as well as a student on the budget council this year,” she said. “This is the first time that’s happened.”

Dual master’s combines information, culutral ties

By Shreya Banerjee
Daily Texan Staff

The School of Information and the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies have introduced a new dual master’s degree program between the two schools. This program would provide students with a master of arts in Latin American studies and a master of science in information studies.

“The need for this program came from two sources,” said Philip Doty, associate dean for the School of Information. “One master’s student

ican Studies examines the past and present of Latin America and allows students to further understand the culture of the region.

“Information Studies deals with how to engage information in different areas, such as social science and math and understanding the relationship between humans and information,” said Luis Francisco-Revilla, associate professor at the School of Information. “[The dual degree program] is an interesting combination and it’s helpful for people to see the context in which people engage in cultural issues.”

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The program will provide students with an opportunity to combine cultural history and policy with behavioral and technology studies.

— Andrew Dillon,
Dean of the School of Information

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expressed her interest in bridging the two schools and both schools have had an informal relationship with each other for at least 30 to 40 years.”

The program allows students to obtain both degrees in three years as opposed to being in school for four years if the student wished to obtain the degrees separately, according to the website. The conclusion of the program requires a Master’s thesis in a subject which applies to both disciplines.

“With the rich cultural resources of the Latin America and the explosion in adoption of digital technologies across the region, the program will provide students with an opportunity to combine cultural history and policy with behavioral and technology studies,” said Andrew Dillon, dean of the School of Information.

Information Studies examines how information is collected, displayed and conveyed and its effects in society, while Latin Amer-

Doty said students interested in applying to the program must apply to each school separately and indicate their desire to be in the program. Like many other dual degree programs at UT, there will be about two or three students pursuing the degree at a given time, he said.

Students are chosen based on previous experience with the two fields, academic performance and a clear statement describing their desire to be in the program, he said.

“While the most immediate source of Hispanic culture in Texas is from Mexico, there are a lot of UT students and people in Texas from Central America and other South American countries,” Doty said. “As the Hispanic demographic in America changes, the iSchool is interested in attracting people from the Spanish-speaking world in order to help us better understand the culture of the region.”



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McCoy named starter after win

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

For the first time in months, the Longhorns won't need a quarterback battle in practice to determine Saturday's starter. Case McCoy gets the call in the regular season finale against Baylor.

The sophomore did enough on Thanksgiving night against the Aggies to earn his second straight start. Texas defined its starting quarterback Monday for the first time since Sept. 5, Garrett Gilbert's final week as the starter. Since then, the Longhorns depth charts had an "or" between McCoy and freshman David Ash. But the job is solely McCoy's — for now.

McCoy and Ash each have been spotty in the passing game, but McCoy made the throws when UT needed him most. He went four of five on the game-winning drive against Texas A&M and finished 16 of 27 for 110 yards.

"Case will give us a chance to consistently throw it better," said head coach Mack Brown.

McCoy didn't turn the ball over either, something Ash failed to do in his five starts. He's yet to be intercepted in 107 pass attempts, the



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Case McCoy (6) has been named starter for the second week in a row. He has thrown 107 consecutive passes without an interception. Although his play has been less than consistent, it was enough to lead the Longhorns to a win over the Aggies.

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Griffin needed to keep Baylor rivalry competitive



By Trey Scott
Daily Texan Columnist

Want to make the Baylor-Texas rivalry one built to last?

Make 20 or so clones of Robert Griffin III and let me know.

Because after the all-world quarterback is gone, we're back to blowouts.



Robert Griffin III
The Associated Press

So let's enjoy the buildup to Saturday's regular season finale — which should be a dandy — and celebrate a belated Thanksgiving and that the concussion Griffin suffered in the first half against Texas Tech will not keep him out of action against the Longhorns. This rivalry is better when the nation's best player is on the field.

Griffin has lifted the Bears to levels never thought possible. Before 2010, Baylor hadn't reached a bowl game since 1994. With him, Baylor has received more respect and credibility than ever thought possible, spending nine of 14 weeks this season ranked in the Associated Press Top 25. Without him, the Bears would still, um, not be good at football.

This summer at Big 12 Media Days, Griffin, a junior from

Copperas Cove, Texas, was asked his level of satisfaction after the Bears put together a season that included the school's first win over the Longhorns since 1997 and a bid to the Texas Bowl.

"We're not just content with sitting at the table," Griffin said. "We want dessert."

Eat up, RG3. Over the course of the season, the Bears have gobbled up TCU and Oklahoma's BCS hopes and look to put a fork in the upstart Longhorns who, after beating Texas A&M, seem to have an extra pep in their step.

For the first and maybe last time ever, the most deserving of the Heisman Trophy plays in Waco. Griffin doesn't get quite the national publicity of Andrew Luck or Trent Richardson — who, along with Brandon Weeden and Matt Barkley, should join him in New York — but it is clear that no player means more to his team than Griffin does. Without

HORNS SOUND OFF ON GRIFFIN

Emmanuel Acho Linebacker

"He'll drop back and then, all of a sudden, he wants to run it. You come up to stop the run and then he throws it right over your head. It's really annoying."

"We don't plan on letting anybody win the Heisman against this defense. It's going to be fun to see him bring his best. We're definitely going to bring ours."

Mack Brown Head Coach

"I'm excited about the challenge our defense has playing against Robert and that offense. They've got the best offense probably in the country."

Manny Diaz Defensive Coordinator

"His accuracy down the field is remarkable. I'm talking about the bomb, throws 40-plus yards downfield."

Somebody might try to throw that four times a game and if they catch one, you feel like that's a bad day on defense because those are usually touchdowns. This guy's going 5-for-5 and hitting the guy in stride."

Kenny Vaccaro Safety

"He's a dynamic player. He's a world-class track athlete and a good football player. And he can throw. He's probably going to be the best talent we face all year. We'll have our hands full this week."

him, history has shown the Bears are the laughingstock of the conference. With him, they're the most exciting and perhaps most dangerous team in the Big 12.

"Griffin is a phenomenal player," said Texas head coach Mack Brown. "He's a guy, like three or

four other guys in this league, that are up for the Heisman Trophy. He can beat you with his arm or his feet. He's thrown 34 touchdown passes ... and then you've got his ability to scramble."

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STAT GUY

Kickers clutch in comebacks throughout Texas' history

Justin Tucker kicked a 40-yard game-winning field goal on Thursday against the Aggies. Tucker's kick is one of many in Texas football history that has led to historical wins



Elisabeth Dillon
Daily Texan Staff



By Hank South
Daily Texan Columnist

On Thanksgiving night, Texas kicker Justin Tucker added his name to Longhorn football lore with a career-defining kick that sent Texas A&M packing to the Southeastern Conference with one final loss. Let's take a look at where Tucker's field goal ranks amongst other crucial kicks in the Mack Brown Era.

5: The Ryan Bailey Show In 2006, Texas headed into Lincoln, Nebraska to take on the Cornhuskers. With heavy snow blanketing the field, the Longhorns faced a 19-20 deficit. With starting kicker Greg Johnson 2-for-4 on the day, head coach Mack Brown sent walk-on kicker

Ryan Bailey into the game to attempt a 22-yard field goal; Bailey sent the ball through the uprights, won the game and secured his job as the Texas placekicker. The next season, Bailey kicked a 40-yard game-winner at Oklahoma State that capped off a 24-point comeback in the fourth quarter.

4: Stockton Saves Ricky's Day And to think, Ricky Williams' record-setting day in 1998 nearly ended in a loss. After the Heisman Trophy winner broke Tony Dorsett's NCAA rushing record with a 60-yard touchdown in the first quarter against Texas A&M, the Longhorns found themselves down 23-24 with five seconds left. Kicker Kris Stockton, who had already missed attempts of 50 and 28 yards, came out to try a 24-yard field goal.

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BASKETBALL NORTH TEXAS AT UT

Players hope to overcome growing pains against UNT

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

After a close call against Sam Houston State on Saturday, the Longhorns are looking to return to the offensive form that helped them win their first two games of the season.

To do that, junior guard and team leading scorer, J'Covan Brown, said it starts with quick decision making as a team.

"We need to take open shots when we have them. I saw a lot of shots not being taken when they were open. When I am on the court, we have to be aggressive, and when I am not, we have to do the same thing. I don't want them to let me dictate the game, whether I am on or off," Brown said.

Texas has the chance to take Brown's advice tonight at 7 against North Texas (1-3) in the Frank Erwin Center.

The Longhorns (3-2) were

slow and sluggish against the Bearkats, which freshman Jonathan Holmes said is due to the difficult transition from high school to college ball. There are six freshmen on the squad this year, so there are plenty of growing pains to go around.

"In the past, I was just running up and down the court without a purpose. Now, I have a better feel of what I am doing and where I should be on the court," Holmes said. "I would not say the competition is any different because I have always played with and against competitive players. The speed of the game, on the other hand, is a part of the transition [to college basketball] for me and the other freshmen here now."

Though Holmes is still learning to adjust, he seems to be doing it quicker than expect-

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"*In the past, I was just running up and down the court without a purpose. Now, I have a better feel of what I am doing and where I should be on the court.*
— Jonathan Holmes, freshman

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LONGHORN SPOTLIGHT

Bailey Webster, #23



Position:
Outside Hitter
Height: 6' 3"
Class:
Sophomore
Hometown:
Baltimore, MD
Sport:
Volleyball

The sophomore outside hitter was named Big 12 Volleyball Player of the Year and was the third straight Longhorn to earn the honor. Webster finished the regular season with a .348 hitting percentage and averaged 3.26 kills and 3.78 points in conference matches.

She leads the Longhorns with 2.78 kills per set. Although she suffered a season-ending knee injury in 2010, Webster has bounced back and become a vital member of the Longhorn squad.

Haley Eckerman, #10



Position:
Outside Hitter
Height: 6' 3"
Class:
Freshman
Hometown:
Waterloo, IA
Sport:
Volleyball

The Iowa native became Texas' fourth winner of the accolade in the last six seasons. In conference play, she has averaged 4.23 points per-set. She finished the regular season ranked fifth in the conference in kills with 3.76 kills per-set.

Eckerman ended the season with three straight Rookie of the Week Honors and has had double digit kills in her past eight matches. Her serving has aided the Longhorns throughout the season. During Texas' last conference match of the season, she had five service aces.

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Byndom, Tucker earn Big 12 accolades for play against A&M

Defense and special teams were key to Texas' win over Texas A&M last week and each unit's stalwarts were honored Monday. Sophomore defensive back Carington Byndom was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week after picking off Ryan Tannehill in the third quarter and returning the interception 58 yards for a touchdown. Byndom, who also had seven tackles and three pass breakups, sparked a third-quarter that saw the Longhorns outscore the Aggies 17-0 and give them their first lead of the game.

Meanwhile, Tucker hit a game-winning 40-yard field goal as time expired, nailing both of his field goal attempts as the senior launched a season-high 11 punts. Tucker, the Longhorns second-most accurate place kicker all-time, has hit 16 of 18 field goals and all 38 of his extra point attempts this season.

— Christian Corona



Texas holds a 29-5 lead in the all-time series against the Mean Green which dates back to the 1913-14 season. Texas has won seven straight games against UNT entering Tuesday's contest. The last time the Mean Green defeated Texas came in 1981.

Ridiculous. And his "Heisman moment" came two weeks ago when he led Baylor 80 yards to a last-second score over Oklahoma, tossing a 34-yard touchdown pass — while on the run — after he had picked up gains of 22 and eight on the

Longhorns headed into the Rose Bowl against the Michigan Wolverines. Behind quarterback Vince Young's five-touchdown performance — a preview of what was to come in 2005 — the game ultimately came down to the leg of senior kicker Dusty Mangum. With time running out, Mangum kicked a 37-yard field goal — which seemed to be deflected at the line of scrimmage — to defeat the Wolverines 38-37. It was Mangum's first field goal attempt of the game and proved to be the most important play.

"So, yeah, I have a bit to prove against them."

1: One Second Left In 2009, Texas found itself down 10-12 against the Cornhuskers in the Big 12 Championship game. In a game dominated by Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, Longhorn kicker Hunter Lawrence stole the show, kicking a 46-yard field goal with one second left to beat the Cornhuskers, 13-12. The kick sent Texas to the National Championship, leading many to call it the most important kick in Texas football history.

McCoy, though, has given the Longhorns a jolt each time

"A win's a win, just like Tebow's doing it," said junior safety Kenny Vaccaro.

—Mack Brown, Head Coach



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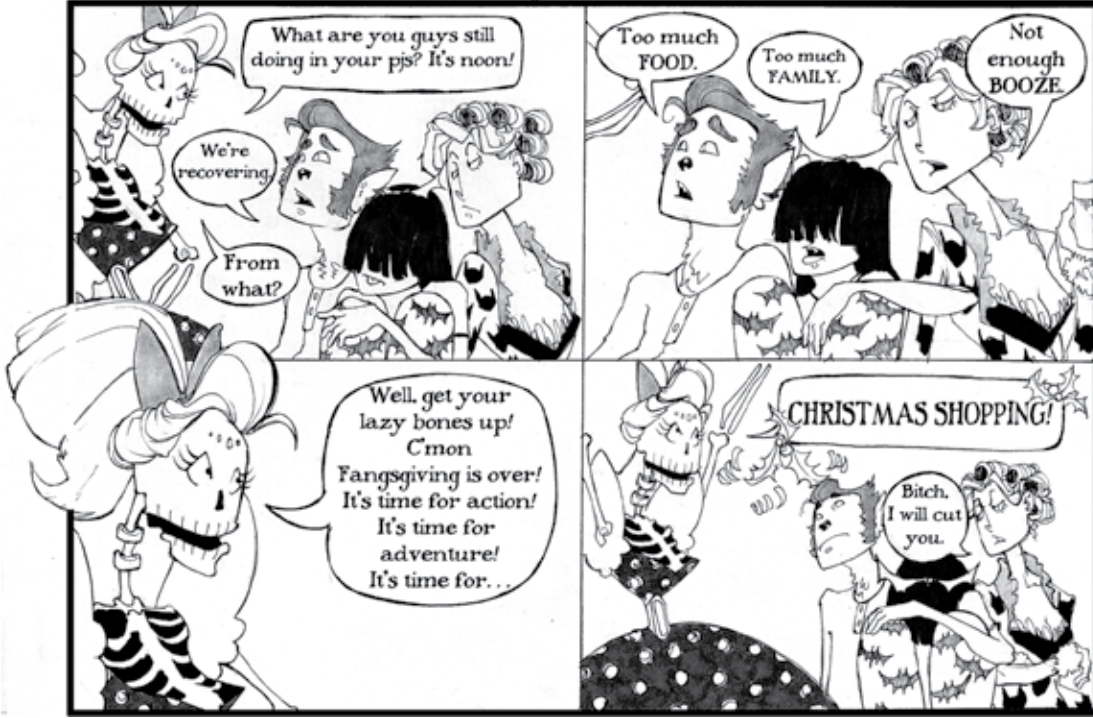
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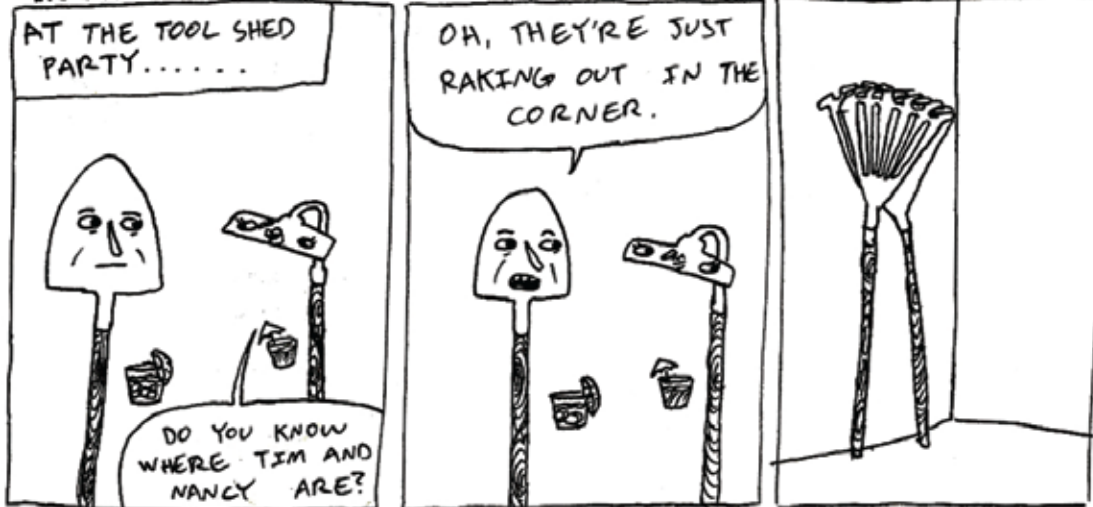
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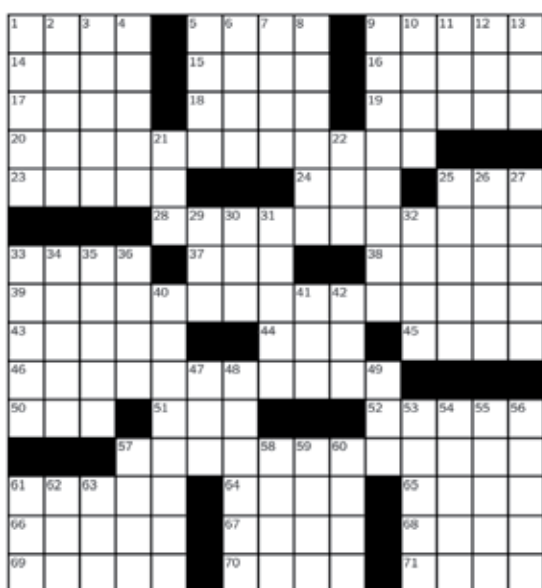
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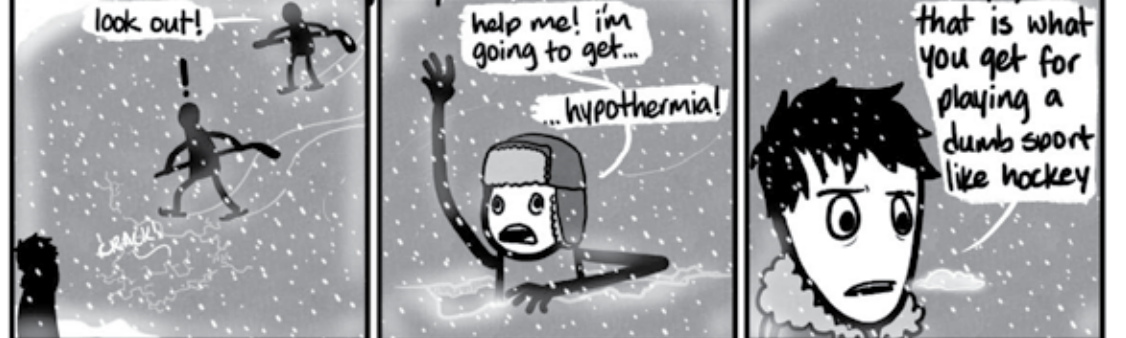


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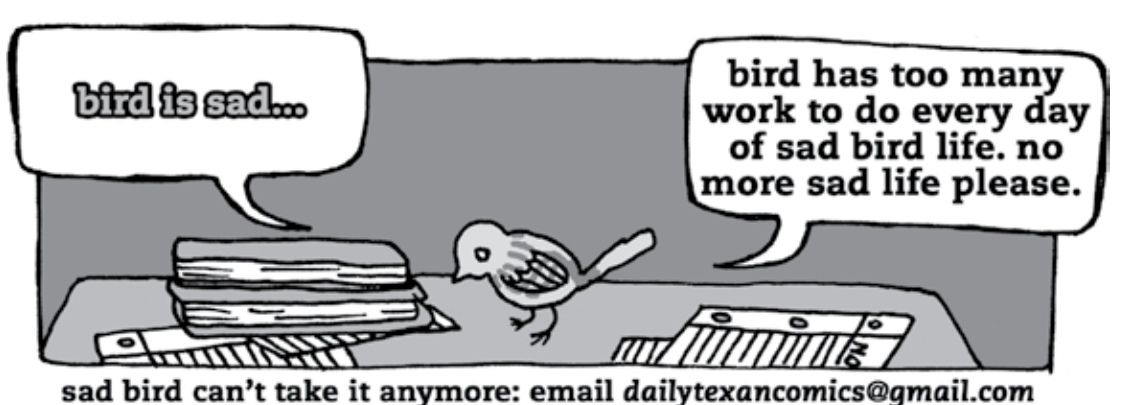


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Trey Songz flirts with sensual new album

By Anjli Mehta
Daily Texan Staff

In his follow-up to 2010's *Passion, Pain & Pleasure*, Trey Songz brings the heat in his new, sexually-charged EP *Inevitable*. On this EP, Songz refines his R&B vocal chops with five new tracks crafted to compliment a bottle of champagne and a box of chocolate covered strawberries.

If previous singles "Say Aah," and "I Invented Sex," taught us anything about Songz, it's that he clearly has a favorite subject matter for his songs. Even on the tracks that aren't about romance, Songz has a talent for making anything sound sensual.

On the EP's opening track, "Top of the World," Songz pays homage to his hometown of Petersburg, Va. Typically a hip-hop artist's allegiance to his hometown comes in the form of dance club beats and braggadocio lyrics, but on this track, Songz reveals his penchant for more seductive, fluid beats.

As Songz croons, "If I could I would bring the whole 'hood to the top of the world with me," you can picture him singing with his eyes closed, subtly nodding his head along to the beat. Even on the lack-luster rap bridge, Songz's agreeing grunts exude instinctive sexuality.

Songz collaborates with rapper Fabolous on the EP's likely club track, "What I Be On." Songz and Fabolous were a successful combination with their last danceable single, "Say Ahh," which gave Songz his first Billboard Top 10 moment.

Though "What I Be On" employs the trite but successful makings of a club hit — money, girls and alcohol — the lifeless beats lack the power and aggression that ignite you to want to get up and dance. "What I Be On" sounds like a song that Chris Brown's production team gave up on and handed over to Songz for scraps.

Of the EP's remaining tracks, all of which are stereotypical R&B love-making songs, Songz is in his element. Even if the lascivious lyrics wander where they probably

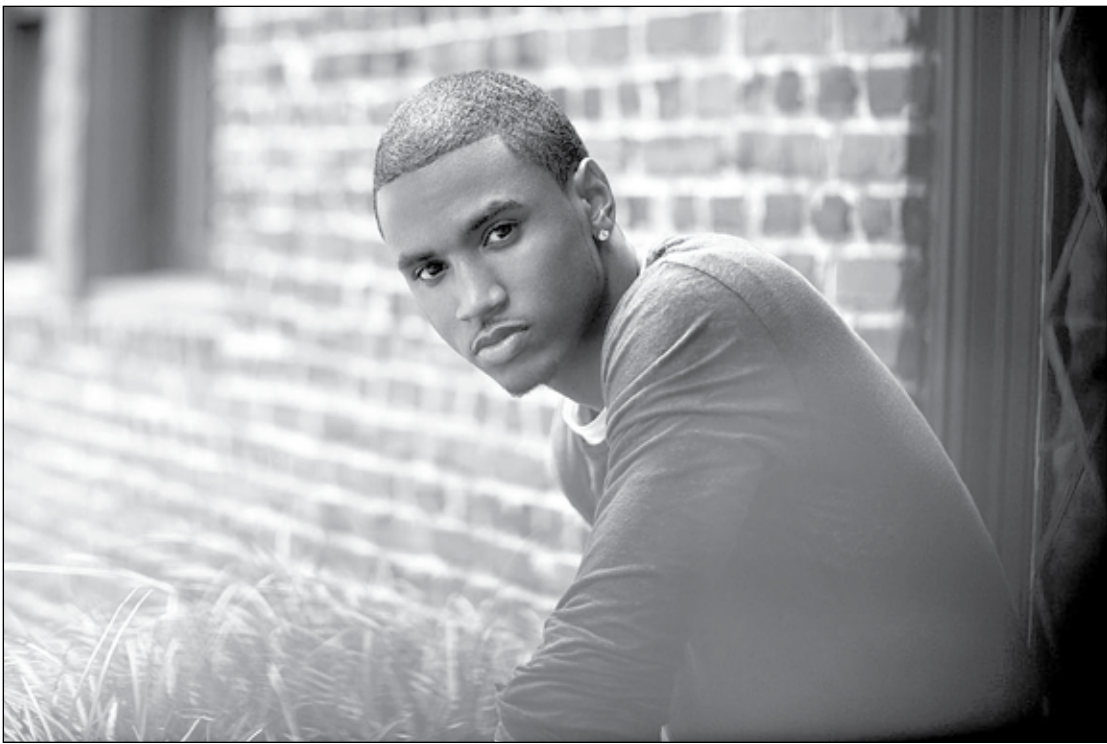


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Trey Songz' new sexually charged EP, *Inevitable*, solidifies the R&B artist as a sex symbol but not as a musician.

shouldn't, Songz's vocal talent is undeniable. His voice flows richly as he takes time executing each note.

On "Outside (Part 1)" the blatantly sexual lyrics are a shame, as they distract from Songz's mellifluous singing. The hook, "let's make love outside," falls right in line with the rest of Trey Songz's not so subtly seductive discography. The song's cringe-worthy lyrics ruin a laid-back R&B beat reminiscent of Usher's early career that repeats in the accompaniment.

Even varying the accompaniment up with a slight Spanish guitar influence on "Sex Ain't Better Than Love" doesn't distract enough from the sexually charged lyrics. While the lyrics on this track are substantially less raunchy than "Outside (Part 1)," the chorus' continuous repetition of the song's title fails to take Songz's voice where it has the potential to go.

Songz leads with machismo on "I Do," as he unapologetically declares, "You know I'm the man 'round these parts here." Just when silly lyrics like,



Inevitable EP
Trey Songz
Genre: R&B
For those who like:
The Weeknd, Frank Ocean

Grade: C

"You say all your gas gone, I'm gon' fill your tank up/ Fill that piggy bank up, don't care about no recession," signal to skip this track, Songz shows off his voice on a harmonious bridge that would make Boys II Men proud.

Inevitable is like an over-the-top Valentine's Day date with a guy in a limousine holding a dozen red roses — it's slightly uncomfortable in the beginning, but you can tell he means well. Though the EP's lyrics sometimes flirt with lewdness, Songz's voice is as seductive as his subject matter.

Stoner rapper Curren\$y flies ahead in Jet Life

By Eli Watson
Daily Texan Staff

New Orleans's Curren\$y has had a busy year. From performing at this year's South By Southwest to releasing a handful of mixtapes and albums, the chilled-out, newfound leader of stoner rap is anything but lethargic. Never taking a break, Curren\$y returns with *Jet World Order*, a compilation album that shows Curren\$y transitioning from hip-hop underdog to rising mogul, accompanied by an assortment of Jet Life Recordings label mates.

Curren\$y's strengths lie in his vocal delivery. Through combination of his distinguishable southern drawl and relaxed demeanor, Curren\$y attacks like stoner rap godfather Snoop Dogg. There's a sense of intimidation that contributes to the rapper's calmly assertive voice. "1st Place" features soulful guitars, keys that crescendo and contributions from label-mates Trademark Da Skydiver and Young Roddy. "Paper on my mind/doing business with whoever's payin' the most," declares Trademark Da Skydiver, followed by a guest appearance from Cool Kids' Mikey Rocks.

"Paper Habits" stands out with its funky bass lines and the conversation-like delivery between Young Roddy and Trademark Da Skydiver. "Now my buzz hot like my winters be," says Young Roddy, his youthful vigor refreshing, accompanied by Trademark Da Skydiver's raspy declarations of wealth and smoking the best kinds of weed.

"Blow Up" explodes with fuzzy, dirty-south synths, staccato hi-hat cymbals and snare drums and rapid-fire rhymes from Young Roddy and Trademark. "It's guerrilla warfare so I load up," says Roddy, while Trademark raps that his New Orleans upbringing made him the man he is.

Unlike his contemporaries, Curren\$y realizes that quality over



Photo Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records

For his latest release, *Jet World Order*, Curren\$y enlists the help of his Jet Life Recording label-mates.



Jet World Order
Curren\$y
Genre: Rap
For those who like:
Wiz Khalifa, Big K.R.I.T., Freddie Gibbs
Web: currensypitta.com

Grade: B-

quantity is the best method of success. Although there is not much variation between the artists (Jet-Life accomplices Smoke DZA, Street Wiz, Fiend and Corner Boy P make appearances as well), each one contributes in their own way, resulting in a collaborative effort that is cohesive and smooth.

The production values, like most releases from Curren\$y, are nearly flawless. Like Ice Cube and Dr. Dre, Curren\$y's intricate sampling helps emphasize the marijuana rhymes of Curren\$y and his Jet-Life crew.

The group still has room for improvement: Young Roddy and Trademark's confident boasts are not yet

up to par with Curren\$y's. Where Curren\$y effortlessly weaves rhymes with narratives and aspirations of gaining more notoriety, Young Roddy and Trademark are left out at times, their delivery revolving around one subject.

Jet World Order is an appetizer that will hopefully be followed up by an even better collaborative effort as the Jet-Life crew begins to solidify itself as one of hip-hop's new voices. The true challenge will be whether the group can become an integral part of Curren\$y's growing label, or remain indistinguishable clones of their commander.

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greeting cards, bookmarks and a few other crafts.

"I want people to find that greeting cards and ornaments can be accessible to everyone," Thomas said. "I'm really just having fun making these everyday items into something tactile."

Like Thomas, local printmaker Carole Zoom has been passionate about her art for years, but it wasn't until after her tracheostomy in 2001 that she really had the time to devote to her work. Now she is able to spend two to six hours each week day to create her woodblock prints with water-based ink and handmade Japanese paper.

"My mom sent me the print I made in middle school, and after that I made a few more," Zoom said. "It's a sustainable process and a really neat hobby."

Zoom is active in the Women Printmakers of Austin, where she gets together with local women to critique and learn from each other's mistakes. She says that the carving aspect is easy, but due to her lack of lateral strength, at times, it requires more help. At this year's Holiday Show, she will be showing off her original prints and also her reproductions.

"I've tried to include a variety of decorative pieces," Zoom said. "I'd like everyone to see my range. There's just so many possibilities when it comes to prints."

Zoom, Thomas and the rest of the artists participating in the show have high expectations for their artwork. While Zoom wants to provide variety, Thomas hopes that after experiencing her exhibit, people will leave more interested in the use of Braille.

"I want to educate people that art can be accessible for everyone," Thomas said. "I want my art to be attractive by both sight and touch."

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University of Washington, I spent a year studying at three different schools, in Italy, Mexico and South Africa," he said. "I read and learned a lot of different things there that changed my life."

Lewis has a forthcoming untitled LP inspired by Malcolm Gladwell's "Outliers," and specifically the 10,000 hour rule Gladwell writes about.

"The idea that it takes 10,000 hours to master something is so interesting," he said.

Haggerty admits that his drug use when the two met in 2006 through MySpace was debilitating to his work as a musician.

"[Drugs] were a huge hindrance to my creativity," Haggerty said. "At one point, my father sat me down, and asked me what I was doing with my life. I checked into rehab, and I've been clean since 2008."

He has managed to come a long way since then, having made five music videos, two EPs and a mixtape, with a forthcoming LP in the works. One of the videos, "Wings," garnered a tremendous amount of Internet attention for the group, as it hits the dialectic between sneaker culture and giddy sneaker-heads, and the materialism induced by, as Haggerty puts it, "just another pair of shoes."

Haggerty wasn't initially trying to write a critique of Phil Knight and company at Nike headquarters in Portland.

"I was more just trying to write a song about shoes," he said.

As the song developed, it grew more critical.

"It brought up stuff with me and made me think about consumerism and all this stuff that I just want to buy," Haggerty said.

"Wings" isn't the only song Haggerty has used as positive advocacy. His song, "Otherside" hits on the destructive culture of "purple drank" and the drug lean, which has become very prevalent in hip-hop culture despite prominent rapper Pimp C dying from overdosing on a mixture of lean and other drugs in 2007.

"The formula is still the same," Haggerty said. "It's just about conveying honestly and vulnerability that people can relate to."

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April Sullivan, artworks director for VSA Texas, poses in front of gallery art pieces Monday afternoon. Sullivan and VSA, the State Organization on Arts and Disability, orchestrated an art show comprised of pieces authored by people with disabilities. The show opens Saturday.

Holiday exhibit showcases talented disabled artists

By Lindsey Cherner
Daily Texan Staff

At the age of 15, Karen Thomas lost all usable vision. Now, 27 years later, she is getting ready for her first ever art show being put on by VSA Texas, or Very Special Arts.

"So much can be accomplished, regardless of whether or not you're disabled," Thomas said. "I'm so excited to be in my first show, but I'm still a work-in-progress."

VSA Texas is the state organization for arts and disability, a nonprofit organization that works to create a society where people with disabilities learn and participate in the arts.

"Artists that are blind, have mental illnesses, are hearing impaired and are even autistic, no matter the disability, they're all talented artists," said April Sullivan, artworks

director for VSA Texas.

The Third Annual Holiday Show began Nov. 28 and will continue through Jan. 6. The artwork from the show is completely handmade, with 23 artists selected from across the state to show off their talent. Each purchase will support artists with disabilities who are making their living through their creative talents.

"For a lot of us, we don't really have time to work on art," Sullivan said. "But these artists have time and make it their livelihood. It's one of the best ways they have to express themselves."

Last year, Thomas attended the Holiday Show and noticed there wasn't any art featuring Braille. After the death of her seeing-eye dog, a dog that was her pair of eyes and a "real treasure" of hers for 17 years, Thomas knew she needed to find a

creative outlet.

She immediately began working with clay, thinking of innovative ways to incorporate Braille into original pieces of art.

"Braille is truly an essential that you can read or write with," Thomas said. "I think that anyone that is losing vision should know how to use it. Even if it's just for labeling purposes — it's critical."

Thomas had to take a crash course in Braille and learned the system of raised bumps in five weeks after experiencing rapid vision loss. As an advocate for learning Braille, she believes it's not difficult to learn, but admits that it does take time to gain speed.

However, she doesn't let her lack of vision hinder her artistry. Like the other artists that will be participating in the Holiday Show, Thomas has used her disability to allow

WHAT: Third Annual Holiday Art Show by VSA

WHERE: 3701 Guadalupe St., Suite 103

WHEN: November 28-Jan. 6

WEB: <http://www.vsatx.org/index.html>

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herself to find her strengths.

"There are a lot of blind people that are really good knitters and weavers, but clay is an equally tactile medium," Thomas said.

To create her artwork, Thomas uses ovens to bake and self-harden to create her Braille print and incorporate it into Christmas ornaments,

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Hip-hop duo will hit Emo's with Washington beats



By Ali Breland
Daily Texan Columnist

Very little music of worth or at least notoriety has come out of Washington since the heyday of Kurt Cobain and grunge music. In the '90s, Sir Mix-A-Lot managed to move out of the Seattle scene and permeate into mainstream rap. However, Sir Mix-A-Lot is an exception to the norm.

Almost a decade later though, independent hip-hop duo Macklemore and Ryan Lewis stand to change that. The duo is made up of longtime Seattle MC Ben Haggerty, who raps under the moniker Macklemore (a reference to his Irish roots), and Ryan Lewis, who began producing for Haggerty after acting as his photographer for several years. They're on their first national tour, which has sold out all across the Northwest, East coast and other cities in the U.S.

Haggerty's style utilizes heavy narrative employment, with an articulate flow, almost reminiscent of a spoken word poet. Lewis's beats also fill a unique niche within hip-hop. While sounding very hip-

hop, they are almost cinematic in that they carry their own uniquely abstract narrative that wonderfully compliments Haggerty's dramatic, yet sincere flow.

Although Lewis claims his beats sound plain to him, he cites a very diverse musical background that would explain his distinct sound.

"I'm not a hip-hop head like Ben [Haggerty]," Lewis said. "I was more involved in the rock scene when I was younger. It was a different culture, I played guitar. I'm heavily influenced by indie rock, and movie scores, too."

Lewis's intriguing artistic style were also most likely shaped by his unique experiences in college.

"Through my major at the

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Dry cleaning of
\$12.00 or more

- Household Items Cleaned
- Alteration Services
- Same Day Saturday Service (selected locations)

**Open Monday - Friday 7am - 7pm
Saturday 9am - 3pm**

3637-B
Far West Blvd.
338-0141

501 W. 15th
@ San Antonio
236-1118

3207 Red River
(Next to TK French Broad)
472-5710